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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Benin to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution [1718 \(2006\)](#) and has the honour to transmit herewith the report of Benin on the implementation of the measures contained in Security Council resolutions [1718 \(2006\)](#), [1874 \(2009\)](#), [2094 \(2013\)](#), and [2270 \(2016\)](#) (see annex).



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Report of Benin on the implementation of Security Council resolutions concerning the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

31 October 2016

By signing and ratifying, on 7 July 1968 and 30 October 1972, respectively, the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, Benin demonstrated its commitment to the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons. It actively participates in the work of reviewing the implementation of the Treaty, which it considers essential for collective security. Benin has also signed and ratified the Treaty of Pelindaba, in force since 2009, making Africa a nuclear-weapon-free zone. Furthermore, it is an active member of the International Atomic Energy Agency, in which it promotes the use of nuclear energy for exclusively peaceful purposes.

The adoption of Security Council resolutions [1718 \(2006\)](#), [1874 \(2009\)](#), [2094 \(2013\)](#) and [2270 \(2016\)](#) condemning the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for its nuclear tests was a source of satisfaction for Benin, which is a democratic country committed to the fulfilment of its international commitments and to the values and ideals of the United Nations.

In that regard, Benin fully supports the decisions contained in the above-mentioned resolutions and will ensure their full implementation.

1. Prohibition of transactions

Benin and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea have no bilateral or multilateral contacts.

Consequently, the prohibition by the Security Council (resolution [2270 \(2016\)](#)) of cooperation with and protection of agents of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, diplomats, Government representatives or any other national acting as an agent of the Government of that country, does not apply in Benin.

In addition, the two countries have no economic, financial or banking ties. Consequently, Benin is in compliance with the prohibition by the Security Council, under the above-mentioned resolutions, of any financial transaction, transfer of technology and assistance of any kind from or for the benefit of that country.

2. Prohibition of trade in arms and other goods

Benin has not engaged in any type of arms transfer to or from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in recent years, specifically since the end of the revolutionary regime and the holding, in February 1990, of the National Conference of Vital Elements of the Nation, which established a democratic system in Benin.

Consequently, the prohibition of transfer of any battle tanks, armoured combat vehicles and any other artillery systems, warships, missiles and related materials, does not apply in Benin.

3. Measures relating to entry into the national territory

Concerning measures prohibiting entry into or transit through its territory, Benin has no air or sea links with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and does not receive in its ports or airports any vessels or aircraft originating in or travelling to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Therefore, the Security Council measure intended to prevent direct or indirect supplies, sales or transfers to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, through the territory of Benin or using vessels or aircraft under the national flag, does not apply in Benin.

4. Ban on the export of any natural or mineral resource

Benin has no transactions with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea involving any mineral resource. Therefore, the prohibition of such transactions in Security Council resolution [2270 \(2016\)](#) does not apply in Benin.

In short, Benin has no formal or private contact with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and provides no facilities to that country.
